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For : GENE ENCODING NADE, P75^{NTR}-ASSOCIATED CELL
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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO
OCTOBER 16, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Communication is submitted in response to the October 16, 2003 Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 16, 2003 Final Office Action is due January 16, 2004. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 134-146 are pending and under examination in the subject application. No claim has been added, canceled, or amended herein. Accordingly, claims 134-146 are still pending and under examination.

In view of the remarks below, applicant maintains that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome, and respectfully